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MEMORANDUM FOR: 43rd ASG Active Duty Soldiers and Family Members

SUBJECT: Soldier and Family Medical Care for 43rd ASG at Robinson Health Clinic

- 1. The Evans Army Community Hospital Department of Primary Care is undergoing significant reorganization in order to provide better access, continuity, and service to our beneficiaries. We will be providing comprehensive outpatient care in three outlying clinics in addition to the hospital. Consistent with this plan we are pleased to announce that the Soldiers of 43rd ASG and their family members will receive their medical care at the Robinson Health Clinic. The Robinson Health Clinic is a state-of-the art primary care clinic with its own pharmacy, laboratory, immunization clinic and procedure suites located across the street from the main hospital. As a clinic dedicated exclusively to primary care for the Soldier and his/her family members, the Robinson Clinic is an ideal setting for personalized, convenient care.
- 2. The clinic is fully staffed with well trained civilian and military nursing staff. The health care providers include: MAJ (Dr.) Dara Lowe, Officer in Charge, and Dr. David Hull, both Board Certified Family Physicians, MAJ Julie Dargis, a Certified Nurse Practitioner, Mr. Doug Duncan and Mr. Jose Ramirez, both Certified Physician Assistants. Each of these providers care for patients of all ages, male and female. In addition to providing family care, MAJ Lowe will act as a surrogate surgeon in support of the 43rd ASG. Together these providers will be your exclusive family providers capable of:
 - a. Sick call by appointment
- b. Physicals for routine military requirements, school, sports, jobs, and annual wellness exams
 - c. Pediatric care including well baby visits and immunizations
 - d. Managing acute minor illnesses or injuries for family members as well as Soldiers
 - d. Managing chronic medical conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, high

cholesterol, and arthritis

e. Conducting outpatient procedures such as skin biopsies, vasectomies, and colposcopies

f. Obstetrical care

- 3. This care is available now. With the exception of children enrolled to Pediatrics or family members enrolled to a Military Treatment Facility other than Evans (Peterson AFB, Air Force Academy, etc.), all family members and Soldiers assigned to 43rd ASG will be moved by Managed Care Division and the TRICARE Service Center to providers working at Robinson Clinic. In the event, family members or Soldiers do NOT want to receive care at Robinson Clinic, they should contact staff in the TRICARE Service Center (Evans Army Community Hospital, 1st Floor) or at https://www.triwest.com in order to change their assignment to the site/provider of preference.
- 4. Family members enrolled in the Robinson Clinic will receive written notification that their PCM has been changed. Once this letter is received, family members can book appointments at the Robinson Clinic by calling the central appointment line at 264-5000 and picking the Robinson Clinic option.
- 5. Although there will undoubtedly be some growing pains while implementing this change, we are confident the quality of and access to your healthcare will be improved substantially and that you will be very satisfied with the personalized care available to each of you at the Robinson Clinic.
- 6. Point of contact for any questions or concerns is Mr. Butch Huffstetler at 526-7226.

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